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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Toru MINEYAMA et al. )  
) Group Art Unit: 3622  
Application No.: 09/973,512 )  
) Examiner: John W. Van Bramer  
Filed: October 9, 2001 )  
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For: SERVER OPERATIONAL )  
EXPENSES COLLECTING )  
METHOD, AND APPARATUS )  
THEREFOR )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 23, 2007, the period for response to which extends through October 23, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.